

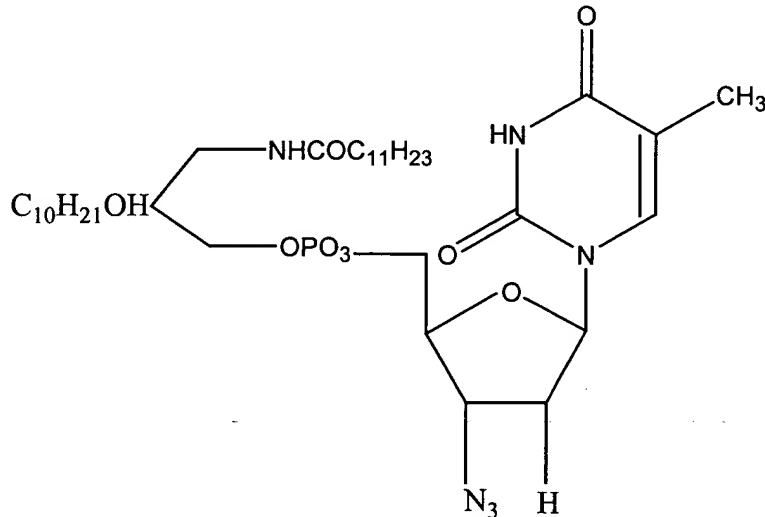
REMARKS

Claims 56, 69-71, 95, 107, and 109-112 are pending. Claims 56, 95, 107 and 109 have been amended. Claims 110-112 have been added.

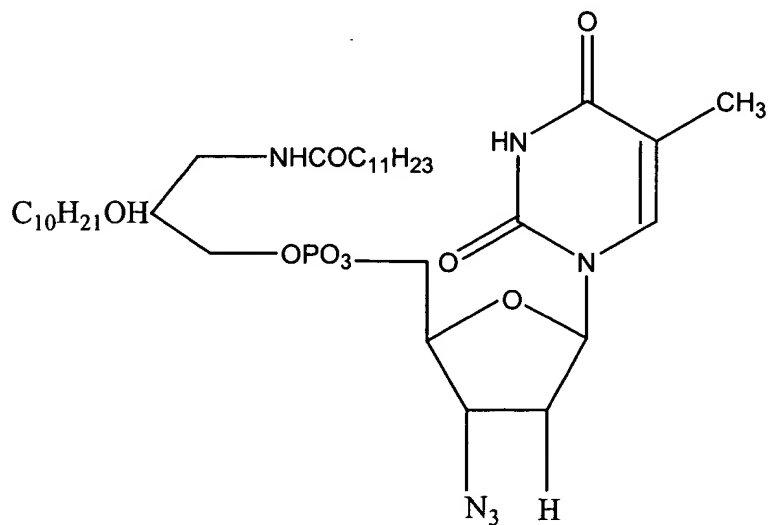
To overcome the §112, first paragraph, and §101 rejections, claims 56, 95, 107, and 109 have been amended to present claims directed specifically to the disclosed compounds found in the Specification, page 13, lines 1-2, and pages 21-33, Examples 5 and 6.

Specifically, the specification recites as an exemplary preferred compound of Formula III, 3'-azido-3'-deoxy-5'-(3-dodecanamido-2-decyloxypropyl)-phosphothymidine. Specification, page 13, lines 1-2. In addition, Examples 5 and 6 found on pages 21-23 of the specification illustrate how to make 3'-azido-3'-deoxy-5'-(3-dodecanamido-2-decyloxypropyl)-phosphothymidine and 3'-azido-3'-deoxy-5'-(dodecyoxy-2-decyloxypropyl)-phosphothymidine. The structures of these compounds are as follows:

3'-azido-3'-deoxy-5'-(3-dodecanamido-2-decyloxypropyl)-phosphothymidine



3'-azido-3'-deoxy-5'-(dodecyoxy-2-decyloxypropyl)-phosphothymidine



Claims 110-112, which depend upon claim 107, have been added to mirror claims 69-71, which depend upon claim 56. No new matter has been added.

Conclusion

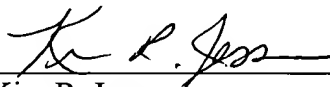
Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the subject application in view of the above amendments and remarks. The subject application is now in condition for allowance and early notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

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